

Consumer Price Index ♦ January 2003

Highlights

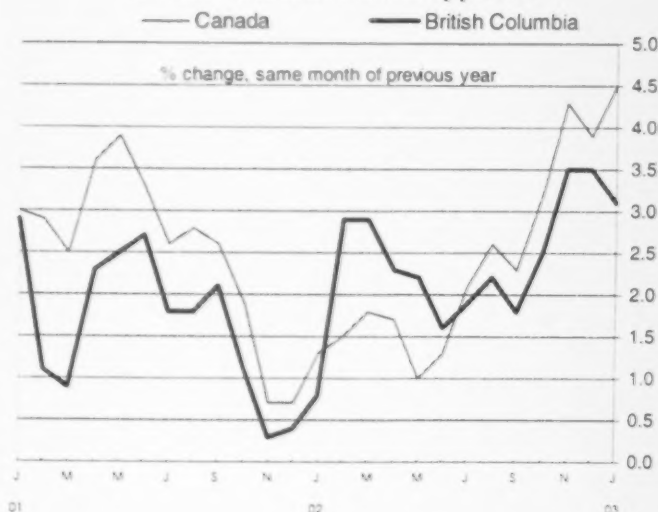
- From January 2002 to January 2003, BC's CPI increased 3.1%, the lowest year-over-year increase in the country. Alberta posted the highest increase at 7.1%, while nationally, consumers paid 4.5% more.
- Of the metropolitan areas, Edmonton recorded the highest increase in prices from last January at 7.6%, while Vancouver residents enjoyed the lowest inflation at 2.9%. Prices in Victoria rose 3.3%.
- Contributing to BC's inflation were higher prices for cigarettes (+29.6%), gasoline (+25.1%), fuel oil (+15.9%), and education (+13.5%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for fresh fruit (-7.3%), coffee and tea (-7.1%), women's clothing (-7.4%), and fresh vegetables (-3.1%).
- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, rose 2.6% from last January. The comparable figure for Canada was 3.9%.

Notes

- The basket of goods and services used to calculate the CPI has been updated. Expenditure patterns for 2001 replaced those for 1996. The time base remains at 1992=100.
- The Iqaluit all-items index is now available (December 2002=100).
- Indexes for internet access services and financial services are available on the time base of December 2002=100, and will be included in next month's report.

1992=100	% Change From		
	January 2003	December 2002	January 2002
Canada	121.4	0.8	4.5
BC	119.0	0.2	3.1
Vancouver	119.7	0.2	2.9
Victoria	118.7	0.3	3.3

BC and Canada trends opposite



1992=100	2002 Annual Average Index	2001/2002 Annual % Change
Canada	119.0	2.2
BC	117.9	2.3
Vancouver	118.6	2.2
Victoria	117.4	2.7

Note:

Statistics Canada will release the February Consumer Price Index on March 21, 2003.

January 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

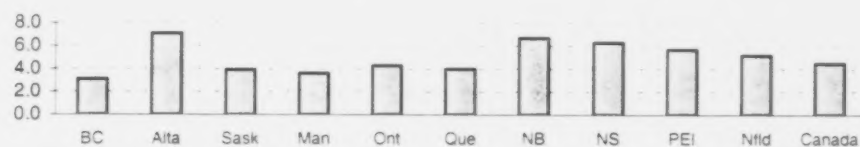
	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index January 2003	% change December 2002	January 2002	Index January 2003	% change December 2002	January 2002
All-Items Index (1992=100)	119.0	0.2	3.1	121.4	0.8	4.5
Food	122.1	0.3	1.4	122.3	0.9	1.9
Food Purchased From Stores	120.0	0.4	1.1	122.0	1.2	1.8
Meat	123.6	0.0	-1.6	128.5	1.7	1.4
Fish & Other Seafood	130.6	0.3	1.8	124.1	0.6	1.0
Dairy Products & Eggs	124.1	0.2	3.4	121.5	0.3	3.4
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	122.4	-0.3	5.6	125.6	-0.6	5.1
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	104.2	-3.1	-3.5	108.4	-1.9	-2.3
Fresh Fruit	101.1	-3.7	-7.3	111.0	-3.1	-4.7
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	106.7	2.0	-1.4	121.5	4.7	-1.4
Fresh Vegetables	104.6	2.9	-3.1	127.2	6.4	-2.3
Other Food Products	124.6	2.0	2.1	119.9	2.0	2.6
Coffee & Tea	124.1	-4.7	-7.1	120.9	-1.9	-5.5
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	84.6	12.4	-1.6	103.2	9.4	1.3
Food Purchased From Restaurants	126.9	0.2	2.3	123.7	0.3	2.2
Shelter	102.7	0.1	1.4	116.2	1.9	2.8
Rented Accommodation	114.2	0.0	1.3	116.6	0.1	1.9
Owned Accommodation	90.5	-0.1	1.5	109.4	0.2	2.7
Property taxes	141.7	0.0	3.5	123.1	0.0	2.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	142.1	1.0	2.0	143.3	13.3	7.1
Electricity	106.8	0.3	0.7	118.4	18.8	1.8
Piped Gas	202.7	2.1	2.1	201.3	7.6	5.3
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	143.4	5.0	15.9	158.1	9.4	31.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	121.3	0.0	0.9	113.9	-0.1	0.9
Household Operations	126.8	0.0	1.0	118.2	0.0	0.8
Household Furnishings	114.0	0.1	0.8	107.4	-0.1	1.0
Clothing & Footwear	110.3	0.7	-1.7	101.6	-0.7	-0.7
Clothing	106.0	0.6	-4.7	99.0	-0.9	-1.7
Women's Clothing	104.1	-0.1	-7.4	97.6	-0.8	-2.3
Men's Clothing	109.6	1.6	-2.1	100.7	-1.2	-1.0
Children's Clothing	103.0	0.1	0.6	99.7	-0.6	-0.6
Footwear	113.8	1.0	5.7	102.7	-1.1	1.6
Transportation	138.0	0.4	7.7	141.9	1.3	11.8
Private Transportation	134.3	0.6	7.6	139.6	1.3	12.3
Operation of Motor Vehicles	137.7	2.0	12.1	147.2	3.6	20.5
Gasoline	141.6	2.5	25.1	138.0	6.2	25.1
Public Transportation	172.0	-0.8	7.8	166.0	0.1	6.6
Local & Commuter	141.8	0.4	7.6	140.1	2.0	3.2
Inter-City	184.4	-1.1	7.8	186.6	-1.1	8.8
Health & Personal Care	122.8	0.7	2.2	116.1	0.0	1.6
Health Care	126.6	-0.1	3.6	121.0	0.0	2.2
Personal Care	119.2	1.6	1.0	112.4	-0.1	1.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	125.1	-0.1	4.2	125.4	-0.5	2.5
Recreation	117.7	-0.3	2.8	114.3	-0.7	2.3
Education & Reading	152.5	0.1	8.9	165.8	0.1	3.2
Education	156.6	0.0	13.5	182.0	0.1	4.1
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	142.9	0.5	-1.3	136.0	0.4	0.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	132.2	0.2	15.0	132.0	0.3	17.6
Alcoholic Beverages	119.0	0.3	2.1	120.4	0.4	2.0
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	116.2	0.3	1.7	120.6	0.6	1.6
Beer Purchased from Stores	131.7	0.0	4.9	128.9	1.2	2.5
Liquor Purchased from Stores	102.5	0.5	0.1	107.8	-0.4	0.8
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	141.9	0.2	29.6	127.0	0.3	31.1
Cigarettes	141.8	0.2	29.6	125.9	0.3	31.3
All-Items Excluding Food	118.4	0.2	3.6	121.3	0.9	5.0
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	116.5	0.2	2.7	121.7	0.8	3.8
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	116.5	0.0	2.6	119.2	-0.1	3.9

January 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

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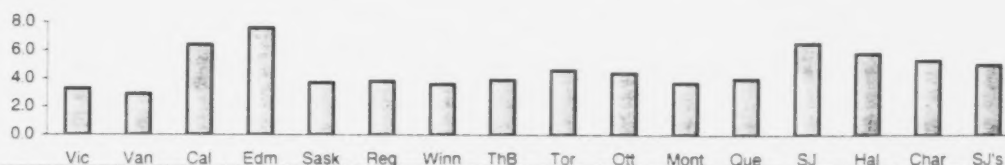
Provinces	Monthly Index		% Chg January 2002	Annual Index		% Chg 2001/02
	January 2003	December 2002		2002	2001	
Canada	121.4	0.8	4.5	119.0	116.4	2.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	119.7	0.6	5.2	117.3	114.5	2.4
Prince Edward Island	119.9	-0.3	5.7	117.7	114.6	2.7
Nova Scotia	123.1	1.2	6.3	119.8	116.3	3.0
New Brunswick	122.4	0.8	6.7	118.6	114.7	3.4
Quebec	117.8	0.7	4.0	115.5	113.2	2.0
Ontario	122.4	1.5	4.3	120.1	117.7	2.0
Manitoba	125.0	0.3	3.6	123.1	121.2	1.6
Saskatchewan	125.6	0.2	3.9	123.7	120.3	2.8
Alberta	128.6	0.2	7.1	124.2	120.1	3.4
British Columbia	119.0	0.2	3.1	117.9	115.2	2.3
Whitehorse	119.7	0.3	3.9	117.7	116.9	0.7
Yellowknife	118.3	0.2	4.0	116.3	113.0	2.9
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	99.9	-0.1				

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index		% Chg January 2002	Annual Index		% Chg 2001/02
	January 2003	December 2002		2002	2001	
St. John's	119.7	0.5	5.0	117.3	114.5	2.4
Charlottetown	119.2	-0.3	5.3	117.1	114.2	2.5
Halifax	122.0	1.0	5.8	119.1	115.5	3.1
Saint John	121.8	0.7	6.5	118.2	114.5	3.2
Quebec City	118.4	0.7	4.0	116.2	113.8	2.1
Montreal	117.7	0.5	3.7	115.7	113.4	2.0
Ottawa	124.0	1.3	4.4	121.9	119.3	2.2
Toronto	123.2	0.8	4.6	120.6	118.1	2.1
Thunder Bay	121.2	1.6	3.9	119.3	117.5	1.5
Winnipeg	125.1	0.3	3.6	123.3	121.5	1.5
Regina	126.5	0.2	3.8	124.6	121.3	2.7
Saskatoon	124.8	0.1	3.7	123.1	119.7	2.8
Edmonton	127.4	0.5	7.6	121.9	118.4	3.0
Calgary	128.9	-0.1	6.4	125.8	121.3	3.7
Vancouver	119.7	0.2	2.9	118.6	116.0	2.2
Victoria	118.7	0.3	3.3	117.4	114.3	2.7

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British Columbia

British Columbia				2002							
Year	All Items	% Change		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans- portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
		Annual Average									
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2002		Month	Year								
Jan	115.4	0.5	0.8	120.4	101.3	120.2	112.2	128.1	120.1	120.1	115.0
Feb	115.9	0.4	2.9	120.4	101.3	120.3	115.3	128.3	120.8	121.3	117.9
Mar	116.6	0.6	2.9	120.0	101.1	120.8	116.2	131.4	120.5	121.4	123.4
Apr	117.7	0.9	2.3	121.5	101.6	121.4	114.2	135.0	122.0	121.7	123.9
May	118.1	0.3	2.2	120.9	101.8	121.2	112.8	135.9	122.0	125.4	126.2
Jun	118.2	0.1	1.6	121.0	102.0	120.9	111.1	136.0	122.5	126.1	127.8
Jul	118.5	0.3	1.9	120.3	102.1	121.1	110.7	137.2	121.7	127.2	129.9
Aug	118.7	0.2	2.2	120.9	102.1	121.0	110.5	137.7	123.0	127.1	130.4
Sep	118.8	0.1	1.8	119.8	102.0	121.0	113.6	137.6	122.4	128.6	130.5
Oct	118.7	-0.1	2.5	119.1	102.4	121.1	114.0	137.7	123.3	126.6	131.2
Nov	118.9	0.2	3.5	121.0	102.6	121.3	111.6	137.7	122.7	125.6	131.8
Dec	118.8	-0.1	3.5	121.7	102.6	121.3	109.5	137.4	122.0	125.2	131.9
2003											
Jan	119.0	0.2	3.1	122.1	102.7	121.3	110.3	138.0	122.8	125.1	132.2

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans- portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco	
		Annual Average										
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5	
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6	
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1	
2002	119.0	2.2		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6	
2002		Month	Year									
	Jan	116.2	0.3	1.3	120.0	113.0	112.9	102.3	126.9	114.3	122.3	112.2
	Feb	116.9	0.6	1.5	120.6	113.1	113.1	105.4	127.5	114.8	124.1	112.9
	Mar	117.7	0.7	1.8	120.4	113.1	113.7	107.1	130.5	114.5	124.9	114.1
	Apr	118.4	0.6	1.7	120.9	112.8	113.9	106.6	133.8	115.3	124.7	116.8
	May	118.6	0.2	1.0	120.4	113.1	113.8	104.6	134.1	115.7	126.8	118.8
	Jun	119.0	0.3	1.3	120.9	113.1	114.0	104.2	134.0	115.9	127.2	124.1
	Jul	119.6	0.5	2.1	120.9	113.2	114.2	105.0	135.4	115.4	128.4	129.5
	Aug	120.1	0.4	2.6	120.2	114.2	114.3	105.0	137.0	115.6	128.5	129.8
	Sep	120.1	0.0	2.3	119.2	114.6	113.8	107.3	136.8	115.7	128.7	129.9
	Oct	120.5	0.3	3.2	118.5	115.8	113.9	107.1	137.9	116.2	127.7	131.2
	Nov	120.8	0.2	4.3	120.4	115.7	114.0	105.2	139.2	116.2	126.7	131.9
	Dec	120.4	-0.3	3.9	121.2	114.0	114.0	102.3	140.1	116.1	126.0	131.6
2003												
	Jan	121.4	0.8	4.5	122.3	116.2	113.9	101.6	141.9	116.1	125.4	132.0

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BRITISH COLUMBIA	Rented Accom- modation	Owned Accom- modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy	
			Fuel Oil/								
			Piped Gas	Other Fuel	Electricity ¹						
1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8	
2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9	
2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0	
2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7	
2002	Jan	112.7	89.2	198.6	123.7	106.1	113.2	123.7	114.3	113.4	113.5
	Feb	112.9	89.2	198.6	119.3	106.1	113.4	123.6	114.9	113.8	114.1
	Mar	113.0	88.9	198.6	121.6	106.1	126.4	130.5	115.9	114.3	114.6
	Apr	113.1	89.4	198.6	130.8	106.1	137.3	136.6	116.9	115.4	115.1
	May	113.3	89.6	198.6	132.2	106.1	139.9	138.0	117.6	115.8	115.7
	Jun	113.5	90.0	198.6	132.2	106.1	140.4	138.3	117.7	115.9	115.9
	Jul	113.6	89.9	198.6	132.2	106.5	141.8	139.3	118.2	116.1	116.3
	Aug	113.8	89.8	198.6	132.2	106.5	142.6	139.7	118.3	116.3	116.4
	Sep	113.8	89.7	198.6	136.2	106.5	144.5	140.8	118.6	116.3	116.7
	Oct	114.0	90.1	198.6	141.2	106.5	146.5	142.1	118.7	116.2	116.6
	Nov	114.1	90.5	198.6	141.0	106.5	144.5	141.0	118.5	116.4	116.5
	Dec	114.2	90.6	198.6	136.6	106.5	138.1	137.5	118.2	116.3	116.5
2003	Jan	114.2	90.5	202.7	143.4	106.8	141.6	139.8	118.4	116.5	116.5

¹ electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March

CANADA		Rented Accom- modation	Owned Accom- modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Fuel Oil/							
				Piped Gas	Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
	2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
2002	Jan	114.4	106.5	191.2	120.5	116.3	110.3	121.8	115.5	117.2	114.7
	Feb	114.6	106.6	190.5	119.7	116.1	111.8	122.4	116.2	117.9	115.4
	Mar	114.7	106.7	176.6	122.7	119.3	122.1	127.2	117.2	118.7	116.0
	Apr	115.0	107.1	153.9	130.2	119.4	130.4	129.4	117.9	119.3	116.5
	May	115.2	107.4	155.4	130.1	119.4	128.0	128.4	118.3	119.4	117.0
	Jun	115.4	107.7	153.9	130.1	117.2	126.9	127.0	118.6	119.5	117.5
	Jul	115.6	107.7	145.2	130.1	121.0	130.4	129.0	119.4	120.0	118.2
	Aug	115.9	107.8	147.7	130.1	129.2	133.6	133.4	120.2	120.5	118.5
	Sep	116.0	107.8	155.4	135.1	128.9	133.9	134.6	120.4	120.5	118.7
	Oct	116.2	108.4	184.2	144.2	125.5	136.0	138.4	121.0	120.8	118.9
	Nov	116.4	108.7	183.4	144.8	122.7	133.5	136.2	121.0	121.2	119.2
	Dec	116.5	109.2	187.1	144.5	99.7	130.0	127.6	120.2	120.7	119.3
2003	Jan	116.6	109.4	201.3	158.1	118.4	138.0	140.4	121.3	121.7	119.2

* Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline

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Vancouver

		% Change		Accommodation			Water, Fuel
Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
1999	111.4	0.9		99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2		100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2001	116.0	1.8		103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2		103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
		Month	Year				
Jan	116.3	0.4	0.9	102.8	112.2	90.7	149.6
Feb	116.6	0.3	2.4	102.9	112.5	90.7	149.5
Mar	117.4	0.7	3.0	102.7	112.6	90.4	149.7
Apr	118.4	0.9	2.3	103.3	112.8	91.3	149.9
May	119.0	0.5	2.3	103.6	113.0	91.6	149.8
Jun	119.0	0.0	1.7	103.5	113.1	91.4	149.8
Jul	119.2	0.2	1.9	103.6	113.3	91.4	150.1
Aug	119.3	0.1	2.0	103.5	113.4	91.2	150.1
Sep	119.6	0.3	1.8	103.5	113.5	91.1	150.3
Oct	119.6	0.0	2.7	103.8	113.6	91.6	150.6
Nov	119.7	0.1	3.5	104.0	113.7	91.9	150.4
Dec	119.5	-0.2	3.2	104.1	113.9	91.9	150.2
Jan	119.7	0.2	2.9	104.1	113.9	91.8	150.7

Victoria

Year	All Items	% Change		Shelter	Accommodation		Water, Fuel Electricity	
		Annual Average			Rented	Owned		
1999	111.1	1.0		98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2	
2000	113.0	1.7		99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8	
2001	114.3	1.2		98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3	
2002	117.4	2.7		100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5	
2002		Month	Year					
	Jan	114.9	0.5	1.0	100.1	112.3	89.7	119.1
	Feb	115.4	0.4	3.7	100.0	112.6	89.6	118.3
	Mar	116.1	0.6	3.3	99.9	112.6	89.3	118.6
	Apr	117.1	0.9	2.5	100.2	112.7	89.5	120.2
	May	117.6	0.4	2.4	100.4	113.0	89.6	120.5
	Jun	117.8	0.2	2.1	100.9	113.1	90.3	120.5
	Jul	118.1	0.3	2.3	101.0	113.4	90.4	120.5
	Aug	118.3	0.2	2.7	101.0	113.4	90.3	120.5
	Sep	118.4	0.1	2.3	100.9	113.5	90.1	121.0
	Oct	118.3	-0.1	2.7	101.6	113.7	90.9	122.0
	Nov	118.6	0.3	3.7	101.9	113.8	91.3	122.5
Dec	118.4	-0.2	3.6	101.9	113.9	91.3	122.1	
2003								
	Jan	118.7	0.3	3.3	101.9	114.0	91.2	123.2

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Highlights

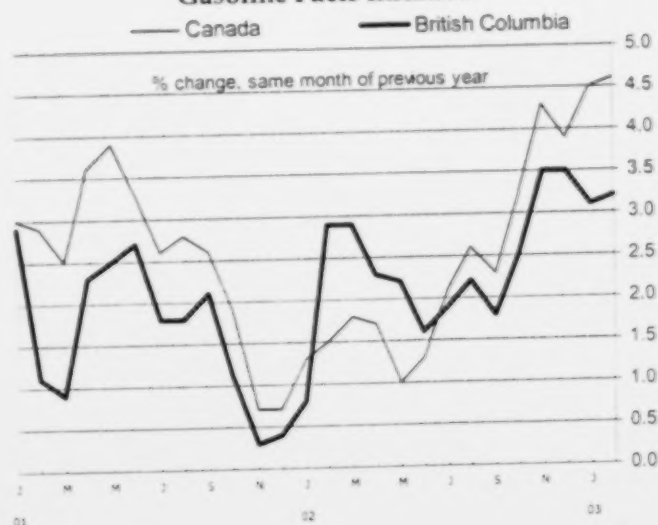
- From February 2002 to February 2003, BC's CPI increased 3.2%, the lowest year-over-year increase in the country. Alberta posted the highest increase at 7.1%, while nationally, consumers paid 4.5% more.
- Of the metropolitan areas, Edmonton again recorded the highest increase in prices from last February at 7.3%, while Vancouver residents still enjoyed the lowest inflation at 3.2%. Prices in Victoria remained at 3.3%.
- The major commodities contributing to BC's inflation were higher prices for gasoline (+35.8%), cigarettes (+28.4%), fuel oil (+26.2%) and education (+13.5%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for fresh vegetables (-13.6%), coffee and tea (-6.8%) and clothing (-5.6%).
- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, rose 2.5% from last February. The comparable figure for Canada was 3.9%.
- Internet access services were slightly lower (-0.7% for Canada and -1.1% for BC) in February than in January. There was no change for financial services.

Notes

- The basket of goods and services used to calculate the CPI has been updated. Starting January 2003 expenditure patterns for 2001 replaced those for 1996. The time base remains at 1992=100.
- The Iqaluit all-items index is now available (December 2002=100).

1992=100	Index	% Change From	
	February 2003	January 2003	February 2002
Canada	122.3	0.7	4.6
BC	119.6	0.5	3.2
Vancouver	120.3	0.5	3.2
Victoria	119.2	0.4	3.3

Gasoline Fuels Inflation



1992=100	2002 Annual Average Index	2001/2002 Annual % Change
Canada	119.0	2.2
BC	117.9	2.3
Vancouver	118.6	2.2
Victoria	117.4	2.7

Note:
Statistics Canada will release the March Consumer Price Index on April 23, 2003.

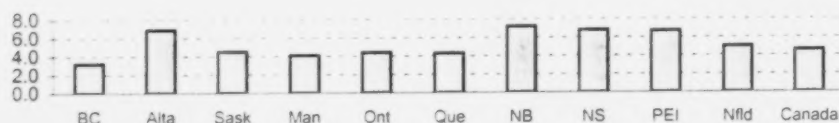
February 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index February 2003	% change January 2003	February 2002	Index February 2003	% change January 2003	February 2002
All-Items Index (1992=100)	119.6	0.5	3.2	122.3	0.7	4.6
Food	121.1	-0.8	0.6	122.1	-0.2	1.2
Food Purchased From Stores	118.4	-1.3	-0.2	121.6	-0.3	0.7
Meat	126.0	1.9	0.4	130.3	1.4	2.2
Fish & Other Seafood	128.4	-1.7	-0.7	123.6	-0.4	0.5
Dairy Products & Eggs	123.6	-0.4	2.8	123.0	1.2	3.3
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	120.6	-1.5	3.9	126.1	0.4	4.7
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	101.0	-3.1	-1.8	105.7	-2.5	-2.2
Fresh Fruit	95.3	-5.7	-5.2	106.4	-4.1	-4.6
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	101.1	-5.2	-10.6	115.9	-4.6	-9.0
Fresh Vegetables	98.2	-6.1	-13.6	119.8	-5.8	-11.7
Other Food Products	123.2	-1.1	1.7	119.7	-0.2	1.6
Coffee & Tea	123.3	-0.6	-6.8	123.6	2.2	-1.8
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	82.7	-2.2	-2.7	103.0	-0.2	-2.2
Food Purchased From Restaurants	127.0	0.1	2.1	124.0	0.2	2.4
Shelter	102.9	0.2	1.6	116.7	0.4	3.2
Rented Accommodation	114.3	0.1	1.2	116.7	0.1	1.8
Owned Accommodation	90.6	0.1	1.6	109.7	0.3	2.9
Property taxes	141.7	0.0	3.5	123.1	0.0	2.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	142.5	0.3	2.5	145.4	1.5	8.8
Electricity	106.8	0.0	0.7	118.4	0.0	2.0
Piped Gas	202.7	0.0	2.1	203.5	1.1	6.8
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	150.5	5.0	26.2	176.9	11.9	47.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	122.3	0.8	1.7	114.5	0.5	1.2
Household Operations	126.9	0.1	0.7	118.5	0.3	0.8
Household Furnishings	116.6	2.3	3.4	108.3	0.8	1.8
Clothing & Footwear	112.0	1.5	-2.9	103.8	2.2	-1.5
Clothing	108.7	2.5	-5.6	102.3	3.3	-2.0
Women's Clothing	110.5	6.1	-4.4	103.3	5.8	-1.1
Men's Clothing	109.1	-0.5	-5.9	102.4	1.7	-2.2
Children's Clothing	101.7	-1.3	-7.3	99.0	-0.7	-3.3
Footwear	113.3	-0.4	2.6	102.2	-0.5	-1.8
Transportation	140.3	1.7	9.4	144.1	1.6	13.0
Private Transportation	136.8	1.9	9.5	142.0	1.7	13.7
Operation of Motor Vehicles	142.2	3.3	15.7	151.9	3.2	23.4
Gasoline	154.0	8.8	35.8	147.7	7.0	32.1
Public Transportation	173.0	0.6	8.5	166.6	0.4	6.5
Local & Commuter	142.8	0.7	8.3	140.4	0.2	3.4
Inter-City	185.4	0.5	8.5	187.5	0.5	8.4
Health & Personal Care	122.7	-0.1	1.6	116.4	0.3	1.4
Health Care	126.7	0.1	3.8	121.0	0.0	2.2
Personal Care	118.8	-0.3	-0.4	113.0	0.5	0.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	126.0	0.7	3.9	127.1	1.4	2.4
Recreation	118.9	1.0	2.5	116.3	1.7	2.1
Education & Reading	152.5	0.0	8.8	165.8	0.0	3.2
Education	156.6	0.0	13.5	182.0	0.0	4.1
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	142.9	0.0	-1.3	136.0	0.0	0.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	134.0	1.4	13.7	133.5	1.1	18.2
Alcoholic Beverages	117.4	-1.3	0.9	120.5	0.1	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	113.5	-2.3	-0.6	120.4	-0.2	1.2
Beer Purchased from Stores	131.7	0.0	4.9	129.1	0.2	2.2
Liquor Purchased from Stores	101.6	-0.9	-0.4	108.0	0.2	1.2
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	148.2	4.4	28.4	129.6	2.0	32.7
Cigarettes	148.1	4.4	28.4	128.5	2.1	32.9
All-Items Excluding Food	119.3	0.8	3.8	122.4	0.9	5.3
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	117.0	0.4	2.8	122.6	0.7	4.0
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	117.0	0.4	2.5	119.9	0.6	3.9

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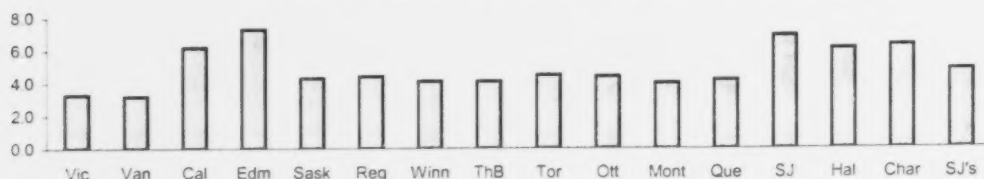
Provinces	Monthly Index			% Chg	Annual Index			% Chg
	February 2003	January 2003	February 2002		2002	2001	2001/02	
Canada	122.3	0.7	4.6		119.0	116.4	2.2	
Newfoundland & Labrador	119.9	0.2	5.0		117.3	114.5	2.4	
Prince Edward Island	121.3	1.2	6.7		117.7	114.6	2.7	
Nova Scotia	124.3	1.0	6.8		119.8	116.3	3.0	
New Brunswick	123.3	0.7	7.2		118.6	114.7	3.4	
Quebec	119.1	1.1	4.3		115.5	113.2	2.0	
Ontario	123.4	0.8	4.4		120.1	117.7	2.0	
Manitoba	125.5	0.4	4.1		123.1	121.2	1.6	
Saskatchewan	126.2	0.5	4.5		123.7	120.3	2.8	
Alberta	129.0	0.3	6.9		124.2	120.1	3.4	
British Columbia	119.6	0.5	3.2		117.9	115.2	2.3	
Whitehorse	120.6	0.8	4.7		117.7	116.9	0.7	
Yellowknife	118.7	0.3	3.9		116.3	113.0	2.9	
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	99.8	-0.1						

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index			% Chg	Annual Index			% Chg
	February 2003	January 2003	February 2002		2002	2001	2001/02	
St. John's	119.9	0.2	4.8		117.3	114.5	2.4	
Charlottetown	120.5	1.1	6.3		117.1	114.2	2.5	
Halifax	123.0	0.8	6.1		119.1	115.5	3.1	
Saint John	122.7	0.7	6.9		118.2	114.5	3.2	
Quebec City	119.6	1.0	4.2		116.2	113.8	2.1	
Montreal	119.0	1.1	4.0		115.7	113.4	2.0	
Ottawa	125.1	0.9	4.4		121.9	119.3	2.2	
Toronto	124.1	0.7	4.5		120.6	118.1	2.1	
Thunder Bay	122.2	0.8	4.1		119.3	117.5	1.5	
Winnipeg	125.7	0.5	4.1		123.3	121.5	1.5	
Regina	127.1	0.5	4.4		124.6	121.3	2.7	
Saskatoon	125.4	0.5	4.3		123.1	119.7	2.8	
Edmonton	127.8	0.3	7.3		121.9	118.4	3.0	
Calgary	129.3	0.3	6.2		125.8	121.3	3.7	
Vancouver	120.3	0.5	3.2		118.6	116.0	2.2	
Victoria	119.2	0.4	3.3		117.4	114.3	2.7	

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



February 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

British Columbia

District of Columbia				Percent Change in Consumer Prices							
Year	All Items	% Change		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans- portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
		Annual Average									
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3
2002	117.9	2.3		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7
2002		Month	Year								
Jan	115.4	0.5	0.8	120.4	101.3	120.2	112.2	128.1	120.1	120.1	115.0
Feb	115.9	0.4	2.9	120.4	101.3	120.3	115.3	128.3	120.8	121.3	117.9
Mar	116.6	0.6	2.9	120.0	101.1	120.8	116.2	131.4	120.5	121.4	123.4
Apr	117.7	0.9	2.3	121.5	101.6	121.4	114.2	135.0	122.0	121.7	123.9
May	118.1	0.3	2.2	120.9	101.8	121.2	112.8	135.9	122.0	125.4	126.2
Jun	118.2	0.1	1.6	121.0	102.0	120.9	111.1	136.0	122.5	126.1	127.8
Jul	118.5	0.3	1.9	120.3	102.1	121.1	110.7	137.2	121.7	127.2	129.9
Aug	118.7	0.2	2.2	120.9	102.1	121.0	110.5	137.7	123.0	127.1	130.4
Sep	118.8	0.1	1.8	119.8	102.0	121.0	113.6	137.6	122.4	128.6	130.5
Oct	118.7	-0.1	2.5	119.1	102.4	121.1	114.0	137.7	123.3	126.6	131.2
Nov	118.9	0.2	3.5	121.0	102.6	121.3	111.6	137.7	122.7	125.6	131.8
Dec	118.8	-0.1	3.5	121.7	102.6	121.3	109.5	137.4	122.0	125.2	131.9
2003											
Jan	119.0	0.2	3.1	122.1	102.7	121.3	110.3	138.0	122.8	125.1	132.2
Feb	119.6	0.5	3.2	121.1	102.9	122.3	112.0	140.3	122.7	126.0	134.0

Canada

		% Change									
Year	All Items	Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Transportation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1
2002	119.0	2.2		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6
2002		Month	Year								
Jan	116.2	0.3	1.3	120.0	113.0	112.9	102.3	126.9	114.3	122.3	112.2
Feb	116.9	0.6	1.5	120.6	113.1	113.1	105.4	127.5	114.8	124.1	112.9
Mar	117.7	0.7	1.8	120.4	113.1	113.7	107.1	130.5	114.5	124.9	114.1
Apr	118.4	0.6	1.7	120.9	112.8	113.9	106.6	133.8	115.3	124.7	116.8
May	118.6	0.2	1.0	120.4	113.1	113.8	104.6	134.1	115.7	126.8	118.8
Jun	119.0	0.3	1.3	120.9	113.1	114.0	104.2	134.0	115.9	127.2	124.1
Jul	119.6	0.5	2.1	120.9	113.2	114.2	105.0	135.4	115.4	128.4	129.5
Aug	120.1	0.4	2.6	120.2	114.2	114.3	105.0	137.0	115.6	128.5	129.8
Sep	120.1	0.0	2.3	119.2	114.6	113.8	107.3	136.8	115.7	128.7	129.9
Oct	120.5	0.3	3.2	118.5	115.8	113.9	107.1	137.9	116.2	127.7	131.2
Nov	120.8	0.2	4.3	120.4	115.7	114.0	105.2	139.2	116.2	126.7	131.9
Dec	120.4	-0.3	3.9	121.2	114.0	114.0	102.3	140.1	116.1	126.0	131.6
2003											
Jan	121.4	0.8	4.5	122.3	116.2	113.9	101.6	141.9	116.1	125.4	132.0
Feb	122.3	0.7	4.6	122.1	116.7	114.5	103.8	144.1	116.4	127.1	133.5

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BRITISH COLUMBIA	Rented Accom- modation	Owned Accom- modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items	All Items		
			Fuel Oil/					Excluding	Excluding		
			Piped Gas	Other Fuel	Electricity ¹			Alcohol &	Food &		
								Food	Tobacco	Energy	
1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8	
2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9	
2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0	
2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7	
2002	Jan	112.7	89.2	198.6	123.7	106.1	113.2	123.7	114.3	113.4	113.5
	Feb	112.9	89.2	198.6	119.3	106.1	113.4	123.6	114.9	113.8	114.1
	Mar	113.0	88.9	198.6	121.6	106.1	126.4	130.5	115.9	114.3	114.6
	Apr	113.1	89.4	198.6	130.8	106.1	137.3	136.6	116.9	115.4	115.1
	May	113.3	89.6	198.6	132.2	106.1	139.9	138.0	117.6	115.8	115.7
	Jun	113.5	90.0	198.6	132.2	106.1	140.4	138.3	117.7	115.9	115.9
	Jul	113.6	89.9	198.6	132.2	106.5	141.8	139.3	118.2	116.1	116.3
	Aug	113.8	89.8	198.6	132.2	106.5	142.6	139.7	118.3	116.3	116.4
	Sep	113.8	89.7	198.6	136.2	106.5	144.5	140.8	118.6	116.3	116.7
	Oct	114.0	90.1	198.6	141.2	106.5	146.5	142.1	118.7	116.2	116.6
	Nov	114.1	90.5	198.6	141.0	106.5	144.5	141.0	118.5	116.4	116.5
	Dec	114.2	90.6	198.6	136.6	106.5	138.1	137.5	118.2	116.3	116.5
2003	Jan	114.2	90.5	202.7	143.4	106.8	141.6	139.8	118.4	116.5	116.5
	Feb	114.3	90.6	202.7	150.5	106.8	154.0	146.1	119.3	117.0	117.0

¹ electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March

CANADA		Rented Accom- modation	Owned Accom- modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy
				Fuel Oil/							
				Piped Gas	Other Fuel	Electricity					
	1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5
	2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2
	2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4
	2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5
2002	Jan	114.4	106.5	191.2	120.5	116.3	110.3	121.8	115.5	117.2	114.7
	Feb	114.6	106.6	190.5	119.7	116.1	111.8	122.4	116.2	117.9	115.4
	Mar	114.7	106.7	176.6	122.7	119.3	122.1	127.2	117.2	118.7	116.0
	Apr	115.0	107.1	153.9	130.2	119.4	130.4	129.4	117.9	119.3	116.5
	May	115.2	107.4	155.4	130.1	119.4	128.0	128.4	118.3	119.4	117.0
	Jun	115.4	107.7	153.9	130.1	117.2	126.9	127.0	118.6	119.5	117.5
	Jul	115.6	107.7	145.2	130.1	121.0	130.4	129.0	119.4	120.0	118.2
	Aug	115.9	107.8	147.7	130.1	129.2	133.6	133.4	120.2	120.5	118.5
	Sep	116.0	107.8	155.4	135.1	128.9	133.9	134.6	120.4	120.5	118.7
	Oct	116.2	108.4	184.2	144.2	125.5	136.0	138.4	121.0	120.8	118.9
	Nov	116.4	108.7	183.4	144.8	122.7	133.5	136.2	121.0	121.2	119.2
	Dec	116.5	109.2	187.1	144.5	99.7	130.0	127.6	120.2	120.7	119.3
2003	Jan	116.6	109.4	201.3	158.1	118.4	138.0	140.4	121.3	121.7	119.2
	Feb	116.7	109.7	203.5	176.9	118.4	147.7	146.5	122.4	122.6	119.9

* Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline

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Vancouver

		% Change		Accommodation			Water, Fuel
Year	All Items	Annual Average		Shelter	Rented	Owned	Electricity
1999	111.4	0.9		99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1
2000	113.9	2.2		100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7
2001	116.0	1.8		103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0
2002	118.6	2.2		103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0
		Month	Year				
Jan	116.3	0.4	0.9	102.8	112.2	90.7	149.6
Feb	116.6	0.3	2.4	102.9	112.5	90.7	149.5
Mar	117.4	0.7	3.0	102.7	112.6	90.4	149.7
Apr	118.4	0.9	2.3	103.3	112.8	91.3	149.9
May	119.0	0.5	2.3	103.6	113.0	91.6	149.8
Jun	119.0	0.0	1.7	103.5	113.1	91.4	149.8
Jul	119.2	0.2	1.9	103.6	113.3	91.4	150.1
Aug	119.3	0.1	2.0	103.5	113.4	91.2	150.1
Sep	119.6	0.3	1.8	103.5	113.5	91.1	150.3
Oct	119.6	0.0	2.7	103.8	113.6	91.6	150.6
Nov	119.7	0.1	3.5	104.0	113.7	91.9	150.4
Dec	119.5	-0.2	3.2	104.1	113.9	91.9	150.2
2003							
Jan	119.7	0.2	2.9	104.1	113.9	91.8	150.7
Feb	120.3	0.5	3.2	104.2	114.0	92.0	150.8

Victoria

Victoria				Queensland				
Year	All Items	% Change		Shelter	Accommodation		Water, Fuel	
		Annual Average			Rented	Owned	Electricity	
1999	111.1	1.0		98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2	
2000	113.0	1.7		99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8	
2001	114.3	1.2		98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3	
2002	117.4	2.7		100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5	
2002		Month	Year					
	Jan	114.9	0.5	1.0	100.1	112.3	89.7	119.1
	Feb	115.4	0.4	3.7	100.0	112.6	89.6	118.3
	Mar	116.1	0.6	3.3	99.9	112.6	89.3	118.6
	Apr	117.1	0.9	2.5	100.2	112.7	89.5	120.2
	May	117.6	0.4	2.4	100.4	113.0	89.6	120.5
	Jun	117.8	0.2	2.1	100.9	113.1	90.3	120.5
	Jul	118.1	0.3	2.3	101.0	113.4	90.4	120.5
	Aug	118.3	0.2	2.7	101.0	113.4	90.3	120.5
	Sep	118.4	0.1	2.3	100.9	113.5	90.1	121.0
	Oct	118.3	-0.1	2.7	101.6	113.7	90.9	122.0
	Nov	118.6	0.3	3.7	101.9	113.8	91.3	122.5
	Dec	118.4	-0.2	3.6	101.9	113.9	91.3	122.1
2003								
	Jan	118.7	0.3	3.3	101.9	114.0	91.2	123.2
	Feb	119.2	0.4	3.3	102.1	114.0	91.3	123.8

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Highlights

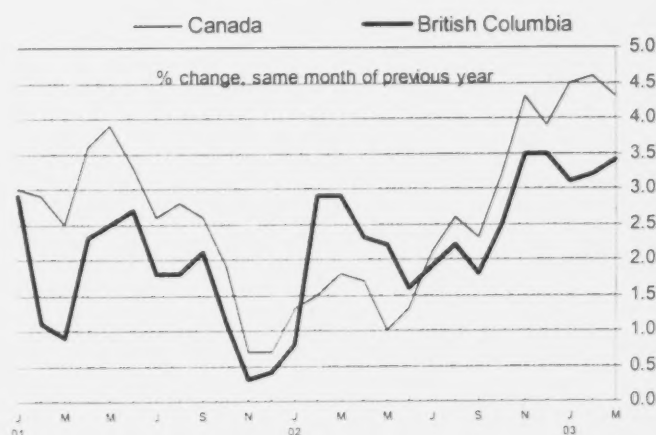
- Compared to March 2002, BC consumers paid 3.4% more for the basket of goods included in the CPI. Ontario posted the lowest increase at 3.3%, while Alberta recorded the highest rise at 7.6%. Nationally, the CPI rose 4.3%.
- Of the metropolitan areas, Edmonton continues to record the highest inflation, 9.1% from March 2002 to March 2003. Vancouver residents still enjoyed the lowest inflation at 3.2%, while prices in Victoria rose 3.4% during the same period.
- Contributing to BC's inflation were higher prices for fuel oil (+46.9%), gasoline (+32.4%), cigarettes (+19.1%), education (+14.9%), and inter-city transportation (+10.1%). Offsetting these increases were lower prices for fresh vegetables (-13.8%), coffee and tea (-5.6%), and clothing (-4.5%).
- BC's CPI, excluding food and energy, rose 2.4% from last March. The comparable figure for Canada was 3.6%.
- Costs for internet access services were slightly lower (-0.2% for Canada and -0.4% for BC) in March than in February. There was no change for financial services.

Notes

- The basket of goods and services used to calculate the CPI has been updated. Starting January 2003 expenditure patterns for 2001 replaced those for 1996. The time base remains at 1992=100.

	1992=100	Index	% Change From	
			February 2003	March 2002
Canada		122.8	0.4	4.3
BC		120.6	0.8	3.4
Vancouver		121.2	0.7	3.2
Victoria		120.1	0.8	3.4

Inflation Gap Narrowing?



1992=100	Latest 12-Month Average Index (ending in March)	Latest 12-Month Average % Change
Canada	120.3	3.0
BC	118.8	2.6
Vancouver	119.5	2.6
Victoria	118.4	2.9

Note:
Statistics Canada will release the April Consumer Price Index on May 22, 2003.

March 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

	British Columbia			Canada		
	Index March 2003	% change February 2003	March 2002	Index March 2003	% change February 2003	March 2002
All-Items Index (1992=100)	120.6	0.8	3.4	122.8	0.4	4.3
Food	122.3	1.0	1.9	122.4	0.2	1.7
Food Purchased From Stores	120.3	1.6	2.0	121.9	0.2	1.3
Meat	128.3	1.8	5.4	131.1	0.6	3.6
Fish & Other Seafood	127.1	-1.0	0.6	123.1	-0.4	0.9
Dairy Products & Eggs	124.7	0.9	2.7	123.6	0.5	3.2
Bakery & Other Cereal Products	121.7	0.9	4.7	126.4	0.2	5.2
Fruit, Fruit Preparations & Nuts	104.0	3.0	0.5	105.1	-0.6	-1.6
Fresh Fruit	99.3	4.2	-2.9	105.4	-0.9	-3.4
Vegetables & Vegetable Preparations	104.5	3.4	-9.7	117.5	1.4	-9.4
Fresh Vegetables	101.6	3.5	-13.8	121.3	1.3	-12.6
Other Food Products	124.8	1.3	4.6	119.6	-0.1	2.6
Coffee & Tea	123.2	-0.1	-5.6	123.3	-0.2	-1.8
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	82.4	-0.4	-0.7	100.8	-2.1	-1.9
Food Purchased From Restaurants	126.9	-0.1	1.8	124.3	0.2	2.6
Shelter	103.2	0.3	2.1	117.4	0.6	3.8
Rented Accommodation	114.4	0.1	1.2	116.8	0.1	1.8
Owned Accommodation	90.8	0.2	2.1	110.0	0.3	3.1
Property taxes	141.7	0.0	3.5	123.1	0.0	2.2
Water, Fuel & Electricity	144.1	1.1	3.6	149.7	3.0	12.6
Electricity	106.8	0.0	0.7	118.3	-0.1	-0.8
Piped Gas	205.7	1.5	3.6	218.1	7.2	23.5
Fuel Oil & Other Fuel	178.6	18.7	46.9	198.9	12.4	62.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	122.1	-0.2	1.1	114.5	0.0	0.7
Household Operations	126.7	-0.2	0.4	118.5	0.0	0.6
Household Furnishings	116.6	0.0	2.6	108.5	0.2	0.9
Clothing & Footwear	113.8	1.6	-2.1	105.5	1.6	-1.5
Clothing	111.3	2.4	-4.5	104.1	1.8	-2.5
Women's Clothing	114.1	3.3	-3.7	105.7	2.3	-1.8
Men's Clothing	111.1	1.8	-4.1	103.6	1.2	-1.7
Children's Clothing	101.8	0.1	-5.8	99.9	0.9	-5.7
Footwear	113.8	0.4	3.3	105.2	2.9	0.4
Transportation	143.2	2.1	9.0	144.6	0.3	10.8
Private Transportation	139.5	2.0	8.8	142.4	0.3	11.2
Operation of Motor Vehicles	147.1	3.4	15.2	152.7	0.5	18.9
Gasoline	167.4	8.7	32.4	149.1	0.9	22.1
Public Transportation	177.2	2.4	9.5	169.2	1.6	7.6
Local & Commuter	142.8	0.0	8.3	140.4	0.0	3.4
Inter-City	191.6	3.3	10.1	192.1	2.5	10.3
Health & Personal Care	121.8	-0.7	1.1	116.1	-0.3	1.4
Health Care	125.4	-1.0	2.2	120.8	-0.2	1.8
Personal Care	118.3	-0.4	0.1	112.6	-0.4	1.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	126.9	0.7	4.5	126.7	-0.3	1.4
Recreation	119.4	0.4	2.7	115.6	-0.6	0.7
Education & Reading	155.1	1.7	11.3	167.3	0.9	3.8
Education	158.0	0.9	14.9	183.0	0.5	4.3
Reading Material & Other Printed Matter	149.9	4.9	4.6	139.0	2.2	2.6
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	135.2	0.9	9.6	133.8	0.2	17.3
Alcoholic Beverages	117.4	0.0	0.9	120.6	0.1	2.2
Alcoholic Beverages Purchased from Stores	113.6	0.1	-0.4	120.5	0.1	1.9
Beer Purchased from Stores	131.7	0.0	4.9	129.3	0.2	3.5
Liquor Purchased from Stores	100.9	-0.7	-1.1	107.7	-0.3	0.8
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	151.0	1.9	19.1	130.0	0.3	30.0
Cigarettes	150.9	1.9	19.1	128.9	0.3	30.1
All-Items Excluding Food	120.2	0.8	3.7	122.9	0.4	4.9
All-Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	118.0	0.9	3.2	123.1	0.4	3.7
All-Items Excluding Food & Energy	117.4	0.3	2.4	120.2	0.3	3.6

March 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

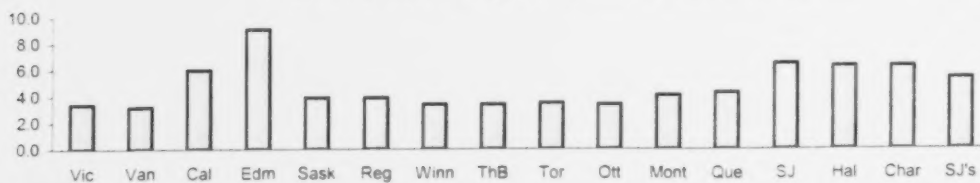
Provinces	Monthly Index			% Chg		
	March 2003	February 2003	March 2002	2002	2001	2001/02
Canada	122.8	0.4	4.3	119.0	116.4	2.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	121.4	1.3	5.7	117.3	114.5	2.4
Prince Edward Island	122.6	1.1	7.1	117.7	114.6	2.7
Nova Scotia	125.1	0.6	6.8	119.8	116.3	3.0
New Brunswick	123.7	0.3	6.8	118.6	114.7	3.4
Quebec	119.3	0.2	4.4	115.5	113.2	2.0
Ontario	123.5	0.1	3.3	120.1	117.7	2.0
Manitoba	125.7	0.2	3.5	123.1	121.2	1.6
Saskatchewan	126.7	0.4	4.0	123.7	120.3	2.8
Alberta	130.2	0.9	7.6	124.2	120.1	3.4
British Columbia	120.6	0.8	3.4	117.9	115.2	2.3
Whitehorse	120.7	0.1	4.6	117.7	116.9	0.7
Yellowknife	118.9	0.2	4.0	116.3	113.0	2.9
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	100.0	0.2				

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



Metropolitan Areas	Monthly Index			% Chg		
	March 2003	February 2003	March 2002	2002	2001	2001/02
St. John's	121.3	1.2	5.4	117.3	114.5	2.4
Charlottetown	121.5	0.8	6.3	117.1	114.2	2.5
Halifax	123.8	0.7	6.3	119.1	115.5	3.1
Saint John	123.1	0.3	6.5	118.2	114.5	3.2
Quebec City	119.9	0.3	4.3	116.2	113.8	2.1
Montreal	119.2	0.2	4.1	115.7	113.4	2.0
Ottawa	125.2	0.1	3.4	121.9	119.3	2.2
Toronto	124.3	0.2	3.5	120.6	118.1	2.1
Thunder Bay	122.4	0.2	3.4	119.3	117.5	1.5
Winnipeg	125.8	0.1	3.4	123.3	121.5	1.5
Regina	127.6	0.4	3.9	124.6	121.3	2.7
Saskatoon	125.9	0.4	3.9	123.1	119.7	2.8
Edmonton	128.9	0.9	9.1	121.9	118.4	3.0
Calgary	130.7	1.1	6.0	125.8	121.3	3.7
Vancouver	121.2	0.7	3.2	118.6	116.0	2.2
Victoria	120.1	0.8	3.4	117.4	114.3	2.7

CPI - Per Cent Change from Same Month of Previous Year



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British Columbia

		% Change					Household	Clothing	Trans-	Health &	Recreation	Alcohol
Year	All Items	Annual Average		Food	Shelter	Operation	Footwear	portation	Personal	Education	Tobacco	
1999	111.2	1.1		113.6	98.1	115.5	110.1	123.3	114.9	119.1	109.1	
2000	113.3	1.9		113.0	99.6	116.9	112.1	130.0	116.7	121.2	109.7	
2001	115.2	1.7		117.4	101.2	118.0	112.6	130.5	119.7	122.6	112.3	
2002	117.9	2.3		120.6	101.9	121.0	112.6	135.0	121.9	124.7	126.7	
2002		Month	Year									
	Jan	115.4	0.5	0.8	120.4	101.3	120.2	112.2	128.1	120.1	115.0	
	Feb	115.9	0.4	2.9	120.4	101.3	120.3	115.3	128.3	120.8	117.9	
	Mar	116.6	0.6	2.9	120.0	101.1	120.8	116.2	131.4	120.5	123.4	
	Apr	117.7	0.9	2.3	121.5	101.6	121.4	114.2	135.0	122.0	121.7	
	May	118.1	0.3	2.2	120.9	101.8	121.2	112.8	135.9	122.0	125.4	
	Jun	118.2	0.1	1.6	121.0	102.0	120.9	111.1	136.0	122.5	126.1	
	Jul	118.5	0.3	1.9	120.3	102.1	121.1	110.7	137.2	121.7	127.2	
	Aug	118.7	0.2	2.2	120.9	102.1	121.0	110.5	137.7	123.0	127.1	
	Sep	118.8	0.1	1.8	119.8	102.0	121.0	113.6	137.6	122.4	128.6	
	Oct	118.7	-0.1	2.5	119.1	102.4	121.1	114.0	137.7	123.3	126.6	
	Nov	118.9	0.2	3.5	121.0	102.6	121.3	111.6	137.7	122.7	125.6	
	Dec	118.8	-0.1	3.5	121.7	102.6	121.3	109.5	137.4	122.0	125.2	
2003												
	Jan	119.0	0.2	3.1	122.1	102.7	121.3	110.3	138.0	122.8	125.1	
	Feb	119.6	0.5	3.2	121.1	102.9	122.3	112.0	140.3	122.7	126.0	
	Mar	120.6	0.8	3.4	122.3	103.2	122.1	113.8	143.2	121.8	126.9	

Canada

Year	All Items	% Change		Food	Shelter	Household Operation	Clothing Footwear	Trans- portation	Health & Personal	Recreation Education	Alcohol Tobacco	
		Annual Average										
1999	110.5	1.7		110.7	105.1	109.0	105.3	124.5	110.2	119.6	94.5	
2000	113.5	2.7		112.2	108.8	110.0	105.5	130.7	112.0	122.5	97.6	
2001	116.4	2.6		117.2	112.8	112.2	106.0	130.8	114.2	124.3	105.1	
2002	119.0	2.2		120.3	113.8	113.8	105.2	134.4	115.5	126.3	123.6	
2002		Month	Year									
	Jan	116.2	0.3	1.3	120.0	113.0	112.9	102.3	126.9	114.3	122.3	112.2
	Feb	116.9	0.6	1.5	120.6	113.1	113.1	105.4	127.5	114.8	124.1	112.9
	Mar	117.7	0.7	1.8	120.4	113.1	113.7	107.1	130.5	114.5	124.9	114.1
	Apr	118.4	0.6	1.7	120.9	112.8	113.9	106.6	133.8	115.3	124.7	116.8
	May	118.6	0.2	1.0	120.4	113.1	113.8	104.6	134.1	115.7	126.8	118.8
	Jun	119.0	0.3	1.3	120.9	113.1	114.0	104.2	134.0	115.9	127.2	124.1
	Jul	119.6	0.5	2.1	120.9	113.2	114.2	105.0	135.4	115.4	128.4	129.5
	Aug	120.1	0.4	2.6	120.2	114.2	114.3	105.0	137.0	115.6	128.5	129.8
	Sep	120.1	0.0	2.3	119.2	114.6	113.8	107.3	136.8	115.7	128.7	129.9
	Oct	120.5	0.3	3.2	118.5	115.8	113.9	107.1	137.9	116.2	127.7	131.2
	Nov	120.8	0.2	4.3	120.4	115.7	114.0	105.2	139.2	116.2	126.7	131.9
	Dec	120.4	-0.3	3.9	121.2	114.0	114.0	102.3	140.1	116.1	126.0	131.6
2003												
	Jan	121.4	0.8	4.5	122.3	116.2	113.9	101.6	141.9	116.1	125.4	132.0
	Feb	122.3	0.7	4.6	122.1	116.7	114.5	103.8	144.1	116.4	127.1	133.5
Mar	122.8	0.4	4.3	122.4	117.4	114.5	105.5	144.6	116.1	126.7	133.8	

March 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

BRITISH COLUMBIA	Rented Accom- modation	Owned Accom- modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items	All Items		
			Fuel Oil/					Excluding	Excluding		
			Piped Gas	Other Fuel	Electricity ¹			Alcohol &	Food &		
								Food	Tobacco	Energy	
1999	110.2	89.0	129.4	106.6	105.6	107.3	110.4	110.7	109.4	110.8	
2000	110.7	89.0	167.4	137.6	105.7	134.3	130.8	113.4	111.5	111.9	
2001	111.9	89.7	222.9	141.0	91.9	134.3	134.3	114.7	113.3	113.0	
2002	113.5	89.7	198.6	131.6	106.3	135.7	135.9	117.3	115.5	115.7	
2002	Jan	112.7	89.2	198.6	123.7	106.1	113.2	123.7	114.3	113.4	113.5
	Feb	112.9	89.2	198.6	119.3	106.1	113.4	123.6	114.9	113.8	114.1
	Mar	113.0	88.9	198.6	121.6	106.1	126.4	130.5	115.9	114.3	114.6
	Apr	113.1	89.4	198.6	130.8	106.1	137.3	136.6	116.9	115.4	115.1
	May	113.3	89.6	198.6	132.2	106.1	139.9	138.0	117.6	115.8	115.7
	Jun	113.5	90.0	198.6	132.2	106.1	140.4	138.3	117.7	115.9	115.9
	Jul	113.6	89.9	198.6	132.2	106.5	141.8	139.3	118.2	116.1	116.3
	Aug	113.8	89.8	198.6	132.2	106.5	142.6	139.7	118.3	116.3	116.4
	Sep	113.8	89.7	198.6	136.2	106.5	144.5	140.8	118.6	116.3	116.7
	Oct	114.0	90.1	198.6	141.2	106.5	146.5	142.1	118.7	116.2	116.6
	Nov	114.1	90.5	198.6	141.0	106.5	144.5	141.0	118.5	116.4	116.5
	Dec	114.2	90.6	198.6	136.6	106.5	138.1	137.5	118.2	116.3	116.5
2003	Jan	114.2	90.5	202.7	143.4	106.8	141.6	139.8	118.4	116.5	116.5
	Feb	114.3	90.6	202.7	150.5	106.8	154.0	146.1	119.3	117.0	117.0
	Mar	114.4	90.8	205.7	178.6	106.8	167.4	153.5	120.2	118.0	117.7

¹ electricity figure for 2001 reflects BC Hydro rebates in February and March

CANADA	Rented Accom- modation	Owned Accom- modation	Energy for Dwellings			Motor Gasoline	Energy*	All Items Excluding Food	All Items Excluding Alcohol & Tobacco	All Items Excluding Food & Energy	
			Fuel Oil/								
			Piped Gas	Other Fuel	Electricity						
1999	110.2	100.3	130.7	101.3	108.5	108.0	110.2	110.5	112.0	110.5	
2000	111.5	102.9	158.9	143.2	109.2	131.7	128.1	113.9	115.0	112.2	
2001	113.3	105.9	206.0	143.5	111.1	128.3	132.3	116.3	117.7	114.4	
2002	115.5	107.6	168.7	131.8	119.6	127.2	129.6	118.8	119.6	117.5	
2002	Jan	114.4	106.5	191.2	120.5	116.3	110.3	121.8	115.5	117.2	114.7
	Feb	114.6	106.6	190.5	119.7	116.1	111.8	122.4	116.2	117.9	115.4
	Mar	114.7	106.7	176.6	122.7	119.3	122.1	127.2	117.2	118.7	116.0
	Apr	115.0	107.1	153.9	130.2	119.4	130.4	129.4	117.9	119.3	116.5
	May	115.2	107.4	155.4	130.1	119.4	128.0	128.4	118.3	119.4	117.0
	Jun	115.4	107.7	153.9	130.1	117.2	126.9	127.0	118.6	119.5	117.5
	Jul	115.6	107.7	145.2	130.1	121.0	130.4	129.0	119.4	120.0	118.2
	Aug	115.9	107.8	147.7	130.1	129.2	133.6	133.4	120.2	120.5	118.5
	Sep	116.0	107.8	155.4	135.1	128.9	133.9	134.6	120.4	120.5	118.7
	Oct	116.2	108.4	184.2	144.2	125.5	136.0	138.4	121.0	120.8	118.9
	Nov	116.4	108.7	183.4	144.8	122.7	133.5	136.2	121.0	121.2	119.2
	Dec	116.5	109.2	187.1	144.5	99.7	130.0	127.6	120.2	120.7	119.3
2003	Jan	116.6	109.4	201.3	158.1	118.4	138.0	140.4	121.3	121.7	119.2
	Feb	116.7	109.7	203.5	176.9	118.4	147.7	146.5	122.4	122.6	119.9
	Mar	116.8	110.0	218.1	198.9	118.3	149.1	149.5	122.9	123.1	120.2

* Energy includes Piped Gas, Fuel Oil/Other Fuel, Electricity, and Motor Gasoline

March 2003 Consumer Price Index (1992=100)

Vancouver

Year	All Items	% Change		Shelter	Accommodation		Water, Fuel	
		Annual Average			Rented	Owned	Electricity	
1999	111.4	0.9		99.0	109.8	90.2	119.1	
2000	113.9	2.2		100.8	110.2	90.6	135.7	
2001	116.0	1.8		103.3	111.5	91.4	153.0	
2002	118.6	2.2		103.4	113.1	91.3	150.0	
2002		Month	Year					
	Jan	116.3	0.4	0.9	102.8	112.2	90.7	149.6
	Feb	116.6	0.3	2.4	102.9	112.5	90.7	149.5
	Mar	117.4	0.7	3.0	102.7	112.6	90.4	149.7
	Apr	118.4	0.9	2.3	103.3	112.8	91.3	149.9
	May	119.0	0.5	2.3	103.6	113.0	91.6	149.8
	Jun	119.0	0.0	1.7	103.5	113.1	91.4	149.8
	Jul	119.2	0.2	1.9	103.6	113.3	91.4	150.1
	Aug	119.3	0.1	2.0	103.5	113.4	91.2	150.1
	Sep	119.6	0.3	1.8	103.5	113.5	91.1	150.3
	Oct	119.6	0.0	2.7	103.8	113.6	91.6	150.6
	Nov	119.7	0.1	3.5	104.0	113.7	91.9	150.4
Dec	119.5	-0.2	3.2	104.1	113.9	91.9	150.2	
2003								
	Jan	119.7	0.2	2.9	104.1	113.9	91.8	150.7
	Feb	120.3	0.5	3.2	104.2	114.0	92.0	150.8
Mar	121.2	0.7	3.2	104.6	114.1	92.4	151.5	

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Year	All Items	% Change		Shelter	Accommodation		Water, Fuel	
		Annual Average			Rented	Owned	Electricity	
1999	111.1	1.0		98.1	110.0	89.2	110.2	
2000	113.0	1.7		99.2	110.5	89.1	118.8	
2001	114.3	1.2		98.9	111.4	89.8	110.3	
2002	117.4	2.7		100.8	113.2	90.2	120.5	
2002		Month	Year					
	Jan	114.9	0.5	1.0	100.1	112.3	89.7	119.1
	Feb	115.4	0.4	3.7	100.0	112.6	89.6	118.3
	Mar	116.1	0.6	3.3	99.9	112.6	89.3	118.6
	Apr	117.1	0.9	2.5	100.2	112.7	89.5	120.2
	May	117.6	0.4	2.4	100.4	113.0	89.6	120.5
	Jun	117.8	0.2	2.1	100.9	113.1	90.3	120.5
	Jul	118.1	0.3	2.3	101.0	113.4	90.4	120.5
	Aug	118.3	0.2	2.7	101.0	113.4	90.3	120.5
	Sep	118.4	0.1	2.3	100.9	113.5	90.1	121.0
	Oct	118.3	-0.1	2.7	101.6	113.7	90.9	122.0
	Nov	118.6	0.3	3.7	101.9	113.8	91.3	122.5
	Dec	118.4	-0.2	3.6	101.9	113.9	91.3	122.1
2003								
	Jan	118.7	0.3	3.3	101.9	114.0	91.2	123.2
	Feb	119.2	0.4	3.3	102.1	114.0	91.3	123.8
Mar	120.1	0.8	3.4	102.5	114.1	91.4	128.4	